

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A processing system comprising

a first receiving means for receiving information from a material supplier regarding available material based on specification requirements for constructing elements constituting a commodity, and date of delivery of the material, the specification requirements being presented by a manufacturer who supplies the commodity to the demander,

a second receiving means for receiving information from a processor on available processing based on the specification requirements and time of delivery of the processing, and

a third receiving means for receiving information on desired material and desired processing for constructing elements constituting a commodity, further comprising

an output means which outputs information corresponding to the information received by the third receiving means based on the information received by the first receiving means and the second receiving means, and general date of delivery of a commodity based on said date of delivery of the material and said time of delivery of the processing.

10. (Previously presented) A processing system as claimed in claim 9 wherein the information received by the first receiving means is information regarding available thinned-out woods, production place of the thinned-out woods, and date of delivery of the thinned-out woods, and wherein the information received by the third receiving means is information regarding desired thinned-out woods, desired production place of the thinned-out woods, and desired processing of the thinned-out woods.

11. (Currently Amended) An output unit comprising

a first memory means for storing information regarding specification requirements for elements constituting a commodity, said specification requirements being presented by a manufacturer who supplies the commodity to a demander;

a second memory means for storing information from a material supplier on available material corresponding to the specification requirements stored in the first memory means and date of delivery of the material, and

a third memory means for storing information from a processor on available processing for constructing elements constituting a commodity corresponding to the specification requirements stored in the first memory means and time of delivery of the processing, and

an output means for outputting information corresponding to information stored in the second memory means and the third memory means based on an input on desired material and desired processing, and general date of delivery of the commodity based on said date of delivery of the material and said time of delivery of the processing.

C1 12. (Previously presented) An output unit as claimed in claim 11 wherein the information stored in the second memory means is information regarding available thinned-out woods, production place of the thinned-out woods, and date of delivery of the thinned-out woods, and wherein the input information is information regarding desired thinned-out woods, desired production place of the thinned-out woods, and desired processing of the thinned-out woods.

13. (Currently Amended) An output method comprising

a first step to receive and store information from a material supplier regarding available material and date of delivery of the material,

a second step to receive and store information from a processor regarding available processing and time of delivery of the processing,

a third step to receive an input of information on desired material and desired processing for constructing elements constituting a commodity, and

a fourth step to output information on the available material and the available processing corresponding to the input information on the desired material and the desired processing, and general date of delivery of a commodity based on said date of delivery of the material and said time of delivery of the processing.

14. (Previously presented) An output method as claimed in claim 13 wherein the information received and stored in the first step is information regarding available thinned-out woods, production place of the thinned-out woods, and date of delivery of the thinned-out woods, and wherein the input information is information regarding desired thinned-out woods, desired production place of the thinned-out woods, and desired processing of the thinned-out woods.

C | 15. (Currently Amended) An output method comprising
a first step to disclose specification requirements for elements constituting a commodity supplied by a manufacturer to a demander,
a second step to receive and store information on available material for the disclosed specification requirements and date of delivery of the material,
a third step to receive and store information on available processing for the disclosed specification requirements and time of delivery of the processing,
a fourth step to receive an input of information on desired material and desired processing for constructing elements constituting a commodity, and
a fifth step to output information on the available material and the available processing corresponding to the input information on the desired material and the desired processing, and the general date of delivery of a commodity based on said date of delivery of the material and said time of delivery of the processing.

16. (Previously presented) An output method as claimed in claim 15 wherein the information received and stored in the second step is information regarding available thinned-out woods, production place of the thinned-out woods, and date of delivery of the thinned-out woods, and wherein the input information is information regarding desired thinned-out woods, desired production place of the thinned-out woods, and desired processing of the thinned-out woods.